

Reference Beeford Appeal APP/E2001/W/16/3161301

Further to the Beeford Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th December 2016 , it was unanimously agreed by all Council members present that the applicants appeal be refused.

We base this objection in support of our original objection, and would take this opportunity to reiterate our reasons they being:-

The increase in the volume of HGV traffic that will be required to support this operation will need to pass through rural villages including passing local village schools which could potentially result in an increase in unforeseen hazards to the young children with the possibility of a fatality should a child run out in front of one of these HGV's. These vehicles will be passing the local school which also incorporates the Sure Start Centre also the Village Play Area is in close proximity to Main Street which once again will heighten the potential of an accident with the increased volume of traffic.

The increased volume of traffic will also increase the amount of pollution dispelled by these vehicles which in light of the recent Government findings could cause harmful long lasting health effects to the Parishioner's be them young or elderly of all of the villages in the surrounding area. There would also be an increase in the noise pollution caused by the increased volume of traffic passing through the villages, this coupled with the extra vibrations caused by these vehicles could potentially cause damage to the roadside properties.

The proposed site is located down a single track country road which presently is only just suitable for cars/LGV type vehicles with vehicles having to mount the grass verges due to the lack of passing places, these grass verges not being able to sustain the weight of a HGV therefore the potential of a vehicle becoming stuck or even capsizing due to the unstable ground either side of this single track road. There is also the concern in relation to the condition of this Single Track road with its crumbling road surface this coupled with the known weaknesses of the bridges along Foston Lane which is another cause for concern.

Vehicles which approach from North Frodingham will need to gain via the junction on the B1249 to Foston Lane which again is a cause for concern and could be dangerous if another vehicle is waiting to egress from Foston Lane thereby causing traffic congestion and once again the safety of other road users is of grave concern.

Also along Foston Lane there is a very narrow and blind bend which is a potential hazard should two HGV's meet on this bend with no possibility of them being able to pass each other thereby resulting in one of the vehicles having to reverse which in itself would be a hazard to other road users and would create the potential of one of the vehicles becoming stuck in the crumbling verges/hedgerows again creating another potential hazard.

The proposed site is in a low lying area which currently struggles to disperse surface water and has in fact flooded in the past and still continues to pose a significant flood risk locally. There is also the potential risk of pollution due to the close proximity of the site to the Pitwherry Drain which would have a devastating effect on the wildlife that is currently present in and around the site/drain.

The proposed application/appeal is for a Commercial Industrial style operation which it is proposed would be processing a minimum of 85% commercial/domestic waste and 15% pig slurry, surely this would be more suitable to be sited on an Industrial Estate which would be capable of handling the volume of HGV's that will be needed to support such an operation, the proposed size/type of industrial operation is not suitable for a Rural Environment.

The digestate produced would prove to be difficult to dispose of bearing in mind that Westgate Farm does NOT have the required acreage to support this also that local landowners have shown a reluctance to spread the digestate on their land.

The size of the operation (9+ acres) would also have a significant impact on the local Rural environment which relies on tourism to support local business's i.e. Post offices/Shops/Public Houses along with Touring Caravan parks on of which is within a mile of the proposed site who would see a decrease in the number of visitors. The local area is currently used by Ramblers/Walkers who once again may seek alternative area's to pursue their activities which would result in the loss of a revenue stream which is vital to the survival of the Local small businesses, which would also result in these businesses having to close thereby creating unemployment of local people.

There is also the visual impact such an operation would have on the local area, the applicant states there would be tree planting, however this would take a number of years to hide/mask the proposed operation (9 acres +)

The Parish Council are also concerned that the increased hazard risk that such an Industrial operation would have on the local environment from a safety aspect should there be an incident of site and to how the Emergency services would be able to gain access to deal with such an incident bearing in mind the site is located on a Single Track Rural type road with limited passing places and unstable verges/banks.

Beeford Parish Council

16th December 2016